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The one I met
in the last days on earth was—
Year 20XX,
a sudden collision with a sporadic meteor shower...
Half of Japan's landmass was destroyed by the impact.
At the End of the World, a Love Begins
Otonoanu
NNG!
CREAK
FUCK...
My whole body hurts...

ASS-HOLES...
WHO SAID THEY COULD DO AS THEY LIKE?
The economy, transportation, politics... Everything broke down, and the government declared a state of emergency
THEY RUINED MY CLOTHES TOO!
Thank heaven for small attacks, huh!
The refugee centers were overrun with citizens.
BUT...
My pants are on! Another miracle!
AT LEAST THIS TIME, THEY DIDN'T TAKE ALL MY STUFF.
SO...
Because the government had more refugees than space,
they started killing off those who they didn't have room for
Jump

TP
The city
It's overrun by those who steal food and water, then have it stolen back
thud
thud
If you want something,
you must take it
What is that insane sound
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
I GUESS I'LL GO TO THE SAFE HOUSE...
Your things, your life, even your dignity... if you don't take them, they will be taken from you
DAMN IT.
I'M HUNGRY...
I USED UNNECESSARY ENERGY HAVING A NIGHTMARE...

HEY
MICHI-RU?!
MI-CHI-RU?

It's been half a year since rationing stopped
LET'S GET TO WORK!
MORE IMPORTANTLY,

I'M FINE! I JUST SCREWED UP A LITTLE.
I WAS WORRIED WHEN YOU DIDN'T COME BACK! WHAT HAPPENED?
THANK GOD.

We've always lived under these principles
HEY, MAN ♪
I'M SORRY, BUT...
AHH!
THAT FOOD YOU'RE HIDING IN YOUR CLOTHES,
CAN YOU HAND IT OVER TO ME?
I DON'T
I DON'T KNOW...
...WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT!
AHHH
UGH
roll
SEE?

WHAT'S THIS, THEN?
HEY!
BE A GOOD BOY AND HAND IT OVER!
UGH!
LET ME GO! JUST THIS ONCE!
WHAT?!
MY... MY CHILD IS WAITING!
I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO FEED MY CHILD FOR A WEEK!
PLEASE
THUMP
GAH!

UGH
YOU'RE AN IDIOT
THERE ARE NO CHILDREN HERE!
ALRIGHT!
YOU GUYS, PICK IT UP, OKAY?
PLEASE WAIT!
'KAY
HEY!
STOP THAT!
GRAB
I BEG YOU!
PLEASE LEAVE ME JUST A LITTLE BIT!
WAH!
HEY—
WHAT THE HELL'S WRONG WITH YOU?!

WHAT?
I DON'T KNOW WHO YOU ARE,
BUT DON'T GET IN OUR WAY

GIVE THAT STUFF..
...BACK TO HIM.
STEA

HEY YOU LEAVE NOW
AH, AH...

YOU BAS-TARD!
WAIT!
BUT

THANK YOU!
AH!
THAT GUY!
The food
dash

WHO ARE YOU?
ARE YOU GOING TO LECTURE US, AND TELL US TO STARVE TO DEATH?
NOT REALLY
I'M JUST DOING AS I PLEASE.
JUST LIKE YOU.
SIGH
LET'S GO BACK TO THE SAFE HOUSE.
DAMN IT... JUST WHEN I THOUGHT WE'D GET TO EAT OUR FILL
BACK TO SQUARE ONE
We are together, so we can take
Because we learned it's more efficient, surer, and much safer.
BUT THAT GUY

MICHIRU!
Nobody's ever cared about others
...in this kind of world
WHAT'S WRONG? LET'S GO BACK
HE CAME TO HELP, ALONE
What an idiot
YEAH...
I HEARD THIS YESTERDAY FROM A CLIENT, BUT...
MICHIRU...
UHM,

MANAGE, YOU
YOU'RE SLEEPING WITH SOLDIERS AGAIN? DIDN'T I TELL YOU TO STOP?
IT'S NOT JUST ONCE OR TWICE THAT YOU HAD A TERRIBLE EXPERIENCE, RIGHT?
YEAH, BUT...
...THE SOLDIERS HAVE PLENTY OF FOOD
YOU SAY THAT, BUT...
THAT BRUISE...
IT'S FROM THAT, ISN'T IT?
Your face, too
I GUESS
HE WAS APPARENTLY AN INTELLIGENCE AGENT,
BUT YESTERDAY HE WAS SOMEHOW REALLY AGITATED
AREN'T ALL SOLDIERS LIKE THAT?
Today's not an exception
BUT IT'S NOT ALWAYS LIKE THAT
He always feeds me well
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "ALWAYS"?
A regular customer?

THERE'S AN ENORMOUS ASTEROID HEADING DIRECTLY FOR JAPAN,
AND IT WILL DESTROY A MASSIVE AMOUNT OF THE EARTH ON IMPACT.
NO,
HE'S USUALLY REALLY NICE.
NICE, HUH?
Really?
I
HE SAID,

YEAH, I guess.
THEN HOW COME THEY CAN DETECT IT NOW?

IS THAT TRUE?
THEY COULD ONLY DETECT THE ASTEROID JUST BEFORE IMPACT AND THAT'S WHY THEY COULDN'T INTERCEPT IT?

WELL,
IF IT'S SUCH A BIG ASTEROID...
RRR
AN EARTH QUAKE...?!
WHOA!
RMRMRM
RM
RM
RM
RM
RM
W...WH!
IT SUB-SIDED
MICHIRU, THIS MUST BE THE ASTEROID RIGHT?
SO THAT INFORMA-TION...
NO WAY...
THERE'S AN AS-TEROID ONCE EVERY FEW WEEKS...

WHOA!
CRASH
KATHUMP
MICHIRU!
HN-NG

slip
AHH
HAHA
MICHI-RU!
ARE YOU OKAY?!
SHIT!
HUH ?!
MY LEG'S STUCK
NANASE... GIVE ME A HAND
ka-tsuk
RM
RM
RM
RM
RM

NANA...
I'M SORRY, MICHIRU...
HUH?!
NANASE!
NANA-SE!
HURRY!
FUCK...
After all,

that's just the kind of people we are
We don't trust each other
AH
WHAT SHOULD I DO
HEY,
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
YOU
FROM EARLIER!

WAIT A SECOND
I'll help you.
HUH?
KR MM MB
IF THIS GETS STUCK,
IT'S GONNA BE A BIG PROBLEM.
THERE

THANKS
NNG!
YOUR LEG? SHOW ME!
IT'S A LIGHT WOUND
CAN YOU WALK?
YEAH, BUT

I SEE.
THEN COME WITH ME.
He's holding my hand!!
GRIP
HUH?! WAIT-
SERIOUSLY, WHAT THE HELL?
Even in this wasteland
a total stranger can help
I REALLY DON'T GET IT

DOWN HERE
WHAT IS THIS PLACE?
A WARE-HOUSE?
CREAK
A SHELTER?

SOMETHING LIKE THAT.
MY GRANDFATHER BUILT IT, THOUGH.
HMM.
KKRRH
BEEP
O.o
!
IS THAT A RADIO?
YEAH.
I USE IT TO GATHER INFORMATION AND DETERMINE WHAT'S GOING ON.
AFTER TOKYO WENT UNDER, IT'S HARD TO GET GOOD INFORMATION.
HERE.
CLINK

YOU WON'T GET FULL ON A LITTLE SOUP
BUT I CAN'T LET CHILDREN GO HUNGRY
EAT
GRRR...
FUCK...
BRINGING THAT OLD THING UP!
Whoaaa!
I haven't had this item in a while!
Thank you for the meal!
That hits the spot!

CLINK
WHAT DO YOU WANT IN EXCHANGE FOR THE MEAL?
That was good!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
SO?
NOTHING, REALLY
I DID IT BECAUSE I WANTED TO,
NOT BECAUSE I WANT SOMETHING IN RETURN
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, WHAT?
I'M ASKING WHAT YOU WANT AS PAYMENT FOR THIS SOUP
I already ate it
SHOVE
AH...
BUT...
You say that, but
Some-how...

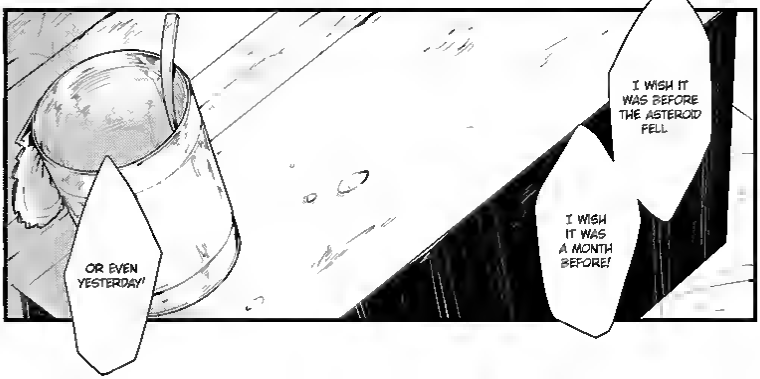
Even I could
just once...
I could...
IF THAT'S TRUE...
TOMOR-ROW, THERE'S...
THIS KIND OF THINKING ISN'T LIKE ME...
GRMRMRM
CRASH
WHOA!

SHF
RM
RM
RM
RM
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
YEAH
!
STAY STILL!
IT'LL SUBSIDE IN A MOMENT
Huh?
WHAT THE HELL IS THIS GUY DOING?
It's just an earthquake

HE...
...DOESN'T HAVE TO DO THIS KIND OF STUFF
...HE'S WARM AND CALMING
BUT...
Ahh...
I see...
RM
RM
RM
RM
RM

Someone who doesn't have to steal to live
Someone who doesn't have to rely on that.
HE'S NOT STARVING
SO HE HELPS THOSE AROUND HIM..
With someone like that,
I can...
HEY...
WHY...
IT'S SUB-SIDED

WHY...
WHY DID I HAVE TO MEET YOU TODAY ALL OF DAYS?
HING


I WISH IT WAS BEFORE THE ASTEROID FELL
I WISH IT WAS A MONTH BEFORE!
OR EVEN YESTERDAY!

A DAY...
IF IT'S JUST TODAY,
I CAN'T CHANGE ANYTHING!
NOT THE WAY I LIVE,
OR YOUR HEART...
WHERE THERE IS A TOMOR-ROW!
I WISH IT WAS A DAY LIKE THAT...!

I CAN'T CHANGE.
...ANY OF THEM!
VRM
VRM
VRM
VRM
VRM
VRM
HEY.
WHAT'S YOUR NAME?
HMM?
MICHIRU...
TAKIGAWA MICHIRU...
I SEE.

SWP
MICHIRU,
IT DOESN'T MATTER IF TOMORROW DOESN'T EXIST
NNG
BECAUSE
WE'RE ALIVE RIGHT NOW
EVEN IF THE SKY FALLS ON US TOMORROW,
RRRR

THAT'S...
NOT WHAT THAT...
THE TIME WE CAN CHANGE...
...CAN BE NOW
MICHIRU
NNG...
HHH...
NG
NH..
Ha
Ha

HN
MN
WAHA
NG
HEY...
WHY
...RE YOU DOING...
...THESE THINGS FOR ME?
"FOR" YOU?
ISN'T THAT INCORRECT?
HUH?
KISS

drip
THAT
THAT'S..
...WHAT I'VE BEEN TRYING TO TELL YOU
THAT'S A LIE.
THAT'S NOT...
MM!
NG..
GRIP
IF I WERE LYING...
DOES THAT MEAN
...YOU WANT TO DO IT, TOO?

NNG!
AHH...
AHH...!
AHN...
twitch
I WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO DO THIS.
NG
twitch
RMBL
Hey
YOUR NAME...
The Meteor fla...
...after 5 seconds...
TELL ME YOUR NAME.
NNG!
...!
NNG... NNG!

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